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COMMITTEE CHAIR'S 90-DAY REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

¶1. USUN may draw from the talking points in paragraph 3 to respond to the 1718 briefing on August 20 in the Security Council.

BACKGROUND

¶2. Pursuant to paragraph 12 of resolution 1718 (2006), the Chairman (Fazli Corman, Turkey, Acting Chairman) of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) will provide on August 20 his next interim report to the Security Council outlining Committee activities over the past 90 days. This briefing presents an opportunity to recognize the fine work of the committee and to outline key challenges ahead.

¶3. Begin Talking Points:

-- I would like to thank the Chair for his report and excellent work. Under his leadership during the last two months, the Committee has achieved much in a short period of time.

-- I would also like to express appreciation for the excellent cooperation we have enjoyed in the Committee. I am pleased that the Committee has been able to continue acting in the spirit of consensus and unity of purpose that led to the adoption of resolution 1874.

-- Indeed, many countries across the globe are working together in an unprecedented effort to ensure full and robust implementation of this resolution as well as its predecessor, resolution 1718. The United States Coordinator for 1874 Implementation, Ambassador Phil Goldberg, has now traveled to five countries for consultations and will visit two more this week. After these meetings, he has reported a significant degree of consensus on the need for robust implementation of this resolution.

-- In particular, we note the degree to which countries are seeking to introduce new standards of transparency in all their dealings with North Korea. We welcome this development, which will be helpful in detecting possible violations.

-- We regard the 1718 Committee's activities as an essential component of this global effort. We applaud the Committee for adopting an ambitious program of work to guide its endeavors in the year to come.

-- We were pleased with the Committee's decision in July to list for sanctions several entities, individuals, and items that met the criteria for designation pursuant to UN Security Council Resolutions 1718 and 1874. We support and look forward to Committee action to list additional entities, individuals, and items involved in North Korea's proliferation efforts.

-- The Committee's future work must now be proactive and sustained.

-- The United States encourages the Committee to be particularly active in responding to reports of non-compliance. The Committee will need to respond swiftly and effectively to sanctions violations.

-- The United States also welcomes the Secretary-General's appointment of an exceptionally talented and well-qualified Panel of Experts. We recognize that due to delays in its establishment the Panel may not be able to provide a comprehensive and detailed report, including recommendations for improving implementation, within the timeframe set out in resolution 1874. We therefore hope that the panel will provide us with additional information and recommendations as soon as possible after the deadline.

-- In conclusion, I would encourage the Council to keep in mind the ultimate goal of all these efforts: the return to a diplomatic process that will lead to the realization of the goal of the September 2005 Joint Statement: the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner. Continued implementation of these resolutions demonstrates that the will of the Security Council cannot be ignored and the only viable path forward for North Korea is through a return to denuclearization through peaceful dialogue.

End Talking Points
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